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DEPT PASS TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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TAGS: CVIS, SREF, VN, US

SUBJ: CONSULAR INTERVIEWS OF INDOCHINA EVACUEES

REF: A. STATE 084228; B. MANILA 4601

- 1. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT REF A BE RESCINDED AND AMENDED. WHILE IT DOUBTLESS REFLECTS APPROPRIATE NARROW INTERPRETATION OF U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAWS, IT TOTALLY IGNORES REALITY OF CURRENT SITUATION AFFECTING UNDOCUMENTED VIET-NAM ALIENS STRANDED AT U.S. BASES IN ASIA.
- 2. THERE IS NO RPT NO DOUBT THAT THOSE VIETNAMESE WHO ARE AT CLARK WERE LOADED ON U.S. MILITARY-CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT BY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SAIGON ACTING OUT OF COMPASSIONATE MOTIVATION. IT IS THEREFORE UNCONSCIONABLE FOR USG TO SAY THAT THESE ALIENS "SHOULD BE CONSIDERED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST COUNTRY."
- 3. GIVEN EMOTIONAL STATE OF ALIENS CONCERNED, IT IS EQUALLY UNCONSCIONABLE FOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO TELL HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT "USG WILL INSURE THAT SUCH UNAUTHORIZED PASSENGERS ARE RETURNED TO POINT OF ORIGIN."

 SUCH WORD WOULD SOON GET BACK TO ALIENS THEMSELVES AND CAUSE PANIC.

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4. EMBASSY MANILA HAS SUGGESTED ONE COURSE OF ACTION FOR

THESE ALIENS STRANDED AT CLARK (REF B). THIS MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE FOR ALL THOSE CONCERNED AT OTHER POSTS. HOWEVER, PENDING WASHINGTON DECISION ON THAT SUGGESTION, I BELIEVE REF A SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN AND NO RPT NO ACTION TAKEN ON IT BY POSTS CONCERNED.
SULLIVAN

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